- (c) Each placard must be at least nine inches wide by four inches high, made of a durable material, and lettered with letters at least ½ inch high.
- (d) Except as under paragraph (e) of this section, the placard must notify the reader of the following:
- (1) The discharge of plastic or garbage mixed with plastic into any waters is prohibited.
- (2) The discharge of all garbage is prohibited in the navigable waters of the United States and, in all other waters, within three nautical miles of the nearest land.
- (3) The discharge of dunnage, lining, and packing materials that float is prohibited within 25 nautical miles of the nearest land.
- (4) Other unground garbage may be discharged beyond 12 nautical miles from the nearest land.
- (5) Other garbage ground to less than one inch may be discharged beyond three nautical miles of the nearest land.
- (6) A person who violates the above requirements is liable for a civil penalty for each violation, and the criminal penalties of a class D felony. Placards installed on vessels before May 7, 1997, need not be replaced; and existing stocks of placards, containing previous language, may be used. When language on a placard is inconsistent with the language in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) due to use of a placard containing previous language penalty amounts contained in the CFR are controlling.
- (7) Regional, State, and local restrictions on garbage discharges also may apply.
- (e) For ships while operating on the Great Lakes or their connecting or tributary waters, the placard must—
- Notify the reader of the information in paragraph (d) of this section; or
- (2) Notify the reader of the following:
- (i) The discharge of all garbage into the Great Lakes or their connecting or tributary waters is prohibited.
- (ii) A person who violates the above requirements is liable for a civil penalty for each violation, and the criminal penalties of a class D felony. Placards installed on vessels before May 7, 1997, need not be replaced; and existing stocks of placards, containing previous

language, may be used. When language on a placard is inconsistent with the language in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) due to use of a placard containing previous language, penalty amounts contained in the CFR are controlling.

[CGD 88-002A, 56 FR 8880, Mar. 1, 1991, as amended by CGD 96-052, 62 FR 16703, Apr. 8, 1997; 62 FR 31340, June 9, 1997]

§ 151.61 Inspection for compliance and enforcement.

While within the navigable waters of the United States or the Exclusive Economic Zone, a ship is subject to inspection by the Coast Guard or other authorized federal agency to determine if—

- (a) The ship has been operating in accordance with these regulations and has not discharged plastics or other garbage in violation of the provisions of the Act or Annex V of MARPOL 73/78.
- (b) Grinders or comminuters used for the discharge of garbage between 3 and 12 nautical miles from nearest land are capable of reducing the size of garbage so that it will pass through a screen with openings no greater than 25 millimeters (one inch):
- (c) Information for recordkeeping requirements, when required under §151.55, is properly and accurately logged;
- (d) A waste management plan, when required under §151.57, is on board and that the condition of the ship, equipment and operational procedures of the ship meet the plan; and
- (e) Placards, when required by §151.59, are posted on board.

[CGD 88–002, 54 FR 18405, Apr. 28, 1989, as amended by CGD 88–002A, 55 FR 18583, May 2, 1990]

§151.63 Shipboard control of garbage.

- (a) The master, operator, or person who is in charge of a ship shall ensure that all garbage is discharged ashore or in accordance with §§151.66–151.73.
- (b) The following factors, among others, may be considered by enforcement personnel in evaluating compliance with §§ 151.51 through 151.77:
- (1) Records, including receipts, of garbage discharges at port reception facilities.

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- (2) Records under §151.55 or log entries of garbage discharges.
- (3) The presence and operability of equipment to treat ship-generated garbage, including, but not limited to, incinerators, grinders, or comminuters.
- (4) The presence of and adherence to a written shipboard waste management plan.
- (5) The absence of plastics in ship stores.
- (6) Ongoing educational programs to train shipboard personnel of garbage handling procedures and the need for these.
- (7) The presence of shipboard spaces used for collecting, processing, storing and discharging ship-generated garbage.
- (c) The master, operator, or person who is in charge of a ship shall ensure that if garbage is transported from a ship by shipboard personnel, it is properly deposited into a port or terminal's reception facility.

[CGD 88-002, 54 FR 18405, Apr. 28, 1989, as amended by CGD 88-002A, 55 FR 18583, May 2, 1990; CGD 92-71, 59 FR 18703, Apr. 19, 1994]

§151.65 Reporting requirements.

The master or person who is in charge of each oceangoing ship shall notify the port or terminal, at least 24 hours before entering the port or terminal, of the name of the ship and the estimated volume of garbage requiring disposal, if any of the following types of garbage are to be discharged:

- (a) Garbage regulated by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture under 7 CFR 330.400 or 9 CFR 94 5
 - (b) Medical wastes.
- (c) Hazardous wastes defined in 40 CFR 261.3.

§ 151.66 Operating requirements: Discharge of garbage in the Great Lakes and other navigable waters.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no person on board any ship may discharge garbage into the navigable waters of the United States.
- (b) On the United States' waters of the Great Lakes, commercial ships, excluding non-self propelled barges that are not part of an integrated tug and barge unit, may discharge bulk dry

cargo residues in accordance with this paragraph and paragraph (c) of this section. Owners and operators of ships to which these paragraphs apply are encouraged to minimize the volume of dry cargo residues discharged through the use of suitable residue control measures onboard and by loading and unloading cargo at facilities that use suitable shoreside residue control measures. As used in this paragraph and paragraph (c) of this section:

Apostle Islands National Lakeshore means the site on or near Lake Superior administered by the National Park Service, less Madeline Island, and including the Wisconsin shoreline of Bayfield Peninsula from the point of land at 46°57′19.7″ N, 90°52′51.0″ W southwest along the shoreline to a point of land at 46°52′56.4″ N. 91°3′3.1″ W.

Bulk dry cargo residues means nonhazardous and non-toxic residues of dry cargo carried in bulk, including limestone and other clean stone, iron ore, coal, salt, and cement. It does not include residues of any substance known to be toxic or hazardous, such as, nickel, copper, zinc, lead, or materials classified as hazardous in provisions of law or treaty:

Caribou Island and Southwest Bank Protection Area means the area enclosed by rhumb lines connecting the following coordinates, beginning on the northernmost point and proceeding clockwise:

47°30.0′ N	85°50.0′ W
47°24.2′ N	85°38.5′ W
47°04.0′ N	85°49.0′ W
47°05.7′ N	85°59.0′ W
47°18.1′ N	86°05.0′ W

Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge means the U.S. waters of the Detroit River bound by the area extending from the Michigan shore at the southern outlet of the Rouge River to 41°54′ N, 083°06′ W along the U.S.-Canada boundary southward and clockwise connecting points:

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Grand Portage National Monument means the site on or near Lake Superior, administered by the National